Minutes of the Eighth Annual Meeting

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, was held Friday May 28th 1886 at Plymouth Church Minneapolis

Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy of Minneapolis led the Opening devotional Meeting, beginning at 9 A. M.

Mrs. D. R. James of Brooklyn presided, Opening the general Meeting, by prayer, at 10 A. M.

In her remarks she spoke of the trials of the past year in the Boilers at 280 Broadway, made mention of the workers there, with special reference to our Senior Secretary and her eight years of service, and presented many motives for the prosecution of the work.

Mrs. C. A. Langdon read the report of the Cor. Sec'y, the same as printed in the Home Board - showing great cause for thanksgiving, notwithstanding trials - Reporting great advance in organization, as well as in amount of money raised - Debt cleared away, and surplus of gain, beside - Cash receipts reported at $176,269.84 - Value of Boxes $44.449 - for the past year - "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad"

Mrs. Langdon read also Mrs. Haines report of the work of

of individual Synods — referring to each in turn, showing all organized, and very encouraging advance made in each, except two, during the year —

Mrs. W. E. Boyd presented her report as Treasurer showing cash receipts for the year $176.269 — an advance over last year of $47.000 in Amount paid N.B. $133.875, & Debt $29.000 — (other amts paid out I failed to get, please insert) She read amounts paid by each Synod, noting advance in each. She alluded to the different sources of supply of the treasury — Discipline of the Debt & Time Motives for giving —

Mrs. C. E. Coulter Secretary of the School Work among the Freedmen appealed for it, from this great number, as well as need — Speaking of the Mary Allen Memorial School —

Mrs. E. D. C. Williams of South Carolina, appealed for the women and children, of the Freedmen their great darkness, ignorance of their Leaders, & Slaves of the hardest form and vice —

Mrs. Faribault a Christian Indian Woman, then talked to us through Mr. Williamson as interpreter — bringing the greetings of her Indian Sisters, & saying they were trying "to do what they could for the Lord Jesus" — telling us in her broken way, how in their poverty they were trying to prove their faith by their works — Taking care she "shook hands with her heart" — Pupils from Lincoln recited & sang, led by Mr. Dennis —

Mr. Martin of Utah, spoke of the necessity of "the rank & file" of Mormonism — of the School work — its success & opportunities

We spoke highly of the Cody teachers & of their trying & laborious work — and need of helpers — & of doors opening into the homes —
After reading of notices by Mrs. James, & Pomeroy, adjourned for Lunch —
Afternoon Meeting opened at 2.30 P. M. —
A memorial Service for Mrs. Asbel Green was conducted by Mrs. E. R. Perkins of Ohio — Opened by singing of the hymn "My Jesus as Thou wilt" —
Mrs. James read favorite scripture passages of Mrs. Green —
Prayer by Mrs. Langdon —
Mrs. Perkins then presented a finished & comprehensive Tribute to the life, character, & work of Mrs. Green including mention of Mrs. Mary Allen —
Mrs. Haines ~~spoke of her connection~~ brought a tribute from her co-workers,
Mrs. Douglass of Chicago, from an old friend;
Mrs. McFarland Alaska, from the Mission field —
This service closed by the singing of the hymn "Abide with Me" and prayer led by Mrs. Coulter —
Mrs. Perkins then introduced our new President Mrs. D. R. James —
Mrs. Chas. E. Walker, our new Secretary, then gave a sketch of "The Outlook" of the work — touched upon the

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discouragements of the past year, encouragements, openings, pressing needs, laborious workers, help needed, money for teachers salaries, money for buildings, money for Albuquerque — Large work opening, pressing upon us — Urged advance in gifts & in prayer & effort —

Mrs. Parks of Logan Utah, expected at the meeting, but providentially detained sent a message concerning the illness of her husband — They were specially remembered in prayer —

Mrs. McFarland of Alaska, then presented a survey of the work, its beginnings, progress, the light advancing, spiritual results — pleas for the Gospel from the Natives — two young men wanting to be educated for the Ministry, need help to bear Travelling expenses — Presents Edwin Willard a young Indian girl who plans to be educated for a missionary teacher — reads the 23rd Psalm in her own Language, and in English & sings "What must I be done for me" —

Mrs. McFarland again speaks of the practice of witchcraft, & gives the Old Indian's appeal for his people — "Dark I must go down to the dark" —

Mrs. Wm E. Knox, introduced as "Home & Foreign Missionary," gives some fostering words — with a special appeal to Mothers —

Mrs. Wm C. Roberts presented the resolutions of thanks, to hostess Ushers, Musicians, Rail Roads & Reporters —

Dr. Edwards repeated the Lords Prayer in Choctaw —

After Doxology Meeting adjourned

Alice C. Patterson Rec Sec pro tem

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~~Minutes of~~ The Annual Business Meeting of the Woman's Executive and Synodical Committee of Home Missions ~~This Meeting~~ was held at 1 P. M. May 28th 1886 in the Parlors of Plymouth Church Minneapolis—

~~There were twenty eight Ladies present—namely Mesdames~~ Haines, James, Langdon, Boyd, Walker, Baker, Roberts, ~~Ketchum~~ Knox, and Mains of New York— Perkins, Montgomery & Miss Patterson of Ohio, Mesdames Kendall of Indiana, Coulter & Britt of Pa Colwell & Lyon of Mich— Boyd of Dayton, Mrs. Knight of— Mrs Loyd and Oliver of Dakota, Mrs Pomeroy Minnesota, Mrs Gil. ~~Convert of South Carolina~~—

Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy presided— Miss A. C. Patterson acted as Rec. Sec. pro-tem—

Mrs. Haines led in prayer, and made some opening remarks—

~~Mrs. Pomeroy responded~~

Committee appointed for nomination of Officers for the ensuing year was the following Mrs. Boynton, Knight, Britt, Haines, Loyd & Miss Patterson— Mrs. Boynton Chairman Whilst they withdrew for consultation, it was suggested by Mrs. James that we hear from workers— Questions were proposed— by Mrs. Kendall "When societies who have pledged support to teachers allow their funds to be diverted to another object, what shall be done?— Answered by

upon to officiate at New York—
Mrs. Walker— This led to other questions of the same character, responded to by Mrs. Walker—
Box work was discussed by Mrs. Montgomery, Perkins, Langdon & Roberts— Valuable hints recommended—
Nominating Committee reported the names of officers as they previously stood with the following exceptions—
Mrs. Dr R. James Brooklyn, President ~~in place of Mrs. Arnold Hann, deceased~~— Mrs. C. E. Coulter Pa Secretary of School work for Feldmen, ~~in place of Mrs. R. D. Allen deceased~~— Mrs. Chas. E. Walker Col. ~~in place of Miss F. A. Dyer~~ Pa ?
Report was accepted & adopted—
Mrs. James declined to ~~accept the nomination~~ unless the prayers of all present should be pledged for her support & guidance— This was done by all rising—
Mrs. O. E. Boyd then led in prayer for President & Secretary—
Mrs. Olin of Dacotah led in prayer for all officers—
The Louisa B. Gunn, Fund was considered— $30.000 was pledged as a Permanent Fund— It was resolved "That officers of societies secure the amount of this fund, in the ~~wisest~~ way 20 per. cent advance upon the contributions of the past year ~~was asked for, and~~ was heartily & unanimously resolved upon—
Mrs. M. E. Boyd of Dayton asked for information, or suggestions as to her duties—
After ~~_____~~ a meeting adjourned—

Alice C. Patterson Rec. Sec. Pro Tem—

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